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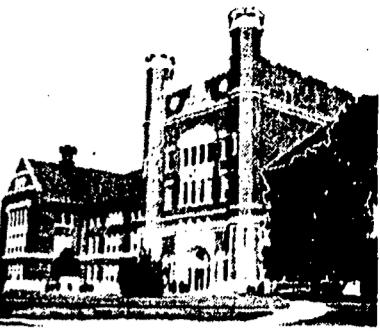
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Regents approve calendar

Calendar changes

Fall 1996 -
•begins Aug. 26
•Finals - Dec. 16-Dec. 20

Spring 1997 -
•begins Jan. 21
•Spring Break - March 24-28
•Finals - May 12-17

Fall 1997 -
•begins Aug. 25
•Finals - Dec. 15-19

Spring 1998 -
•begins Jan. 20
•Spring Break - March 23-27

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

This year students might complain about Northwest's spring break; one of the earliest around, but next year administrators won't be hearing that cry.

Tuesday the Board of Regents approved a new academic calendar to take effect in the 1996-98 school years.

The new spring break week, which will now be three weeks later than the current one, is slated for March 24-31, 1997.

This change will also push back the start of the second semester until after Martin Luther King Jr. Day, making for a longer semester break. However, this also means spring finals will take place a week later, from May 12-17.

Merry McDonald, chairwoman of the University calendar committee, gathered input from different groups on campus about the changes.

"A lot of groups around campus were surveyed," McDonald said. "The change relied totally on the student output."

The Board also approved contracts for renovations to the Administration Building and Golden Hall.

The University will pay CD Construction \$183,430 to do the interior demolition in both buildings, which will involve tearing up the floors.

A contract for window replacements in Golden Hall went to Energy Savers Store Inc., of Lenexa, Kan., with a low bid of \$334,776. Construction is slated to begin in February.

In other Regents business, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan named sophomore Marisa Sanchez as the University's new student representative as the Board of Regents. Sanchez's appointment was made along with six other students from six other institutions in Missouri.

Professor's spirit shines in class



MARTI WILSON/Chief Photographer

English professor Virgil Albertini sits at his desk planning his next lesson. Albertini brings his small town roots and values into his classroom to help his students learn.

CARRIE MCGEORGE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Growing up in a small town in Kansas, a young boy yearned to become an All-American quarterback for Notre Dame. He describes himself as a "rather ordinary student early on." That was when English professor Virgil Albertini found his two loves: English and athletics.

"As much as he has contributed to the athletic program, his greatest contribution is as a role model for English majors and minors, especially those planning to teach," English professor Mike Jewett said. "They really admire him and are inspired by him."

Jewett referred English major Sarah Partlow to Albertini for advisement.

"He (Albertini) genuinely cares for students going into education and is excited for new teach-

► ALBERTINI, page 10

two schools have had nothing but a fueling effect on the rivalry. Although the rivalry has picked up steam over the past years, Brian Ostermann, assistant coach at Missouri Western State College, said the rivalry is a fun one.

"We've done everything in good spirits," Ostermann said. "When I was at Northwest, we got more into the game than we do down here; maybe that is the reason we have had more success."

The 40-plus miles that separate the

Ostermann was a graduate assistant coach during the 1989-91 season under current Northwest head coach Steve Tappmeyer. For the men's side, in the 23 games over a span of 14 years, the average scoring differential has been 1.86 points in Missouri Western's favor.

That is including a 39-point drubbing the Bearcats took in the first round of the MIAA playoffs last

► RIVALRY, page 12

Spring rush



JACY FREAR/Chief Photographer

Wanna bet? Robert Achtenkopf deals cards to Ryan Oswald and other rushees as part of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity's Casino Night Wednesday. All fraternities have been going through spring rush this semester with a majority of events taking place this week.

Illness forces speaker to postpone

Columnist becomes 4th act to postpone performance at Northwest for this year

VANESSA SKAGGS
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Columnist Molly Ivins became the latest speaker to fall victim to the postponement bug this year.

Ivins was scheduled to appear Tuesday but was advised by her doctor not to travel. A new date is being pursued, but availability in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center may interfere with plans.

"We will attempt to find a date which fits both the University's and Ms. Ivins schedules," Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said. "Right now we're working with limited time frames for both because of the large number of activities typically scheduled for the Mary Linn in the spring semester and her busy schedule."

Ivins was not the first postponement this year. Maya Angelou, Jeff Dunham and Jim Wand postponed their appearances earlier.

"In the six years that I have worked with Encore performances, I have never had to deal with so many unexpected postponements," Gieseke said. Students don't seem to mind the postponements

because it gives them more time to buy tickets or the new date might be a better time for them.

"I really don't mind the postponements because at least they aren't canceling," Tatum Shepard, business major, said. "As long as I know the person will eventually be here, it doesn't bother me too much."

A few students may be angry about the postponements, but overall students are understanding if the tickets are still accepted at the new date.

I think students feel frustrated when shows get postponed, but as long as their tickets are still good later on, it's not a problem," Joy Green, psychology major, said.

SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates prepare for election

Elections for the new school board will be on the first Tuesday in April. Voting will take place at the usual polls. Below is a list of the candidates for school board along with what they believe are their qualifications, as well as their goals both for themselves and the board.



Qualifications: "I'm a native of Maryville and have had a large portion of involvement."

Goal: "The board should keep going forward, progressing."



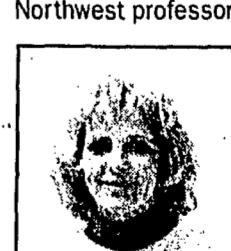
Qualifications: "Experience means a lot, and it takes awhile to get adjusted to the school board."

Goal: "Primary goal of the board should be to get the new building program through."



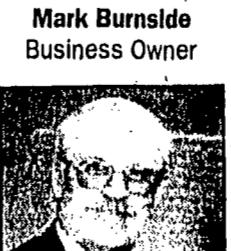
Qualifications: "I'm indebted to my community and I'd like to give something back."

Goal: "I'd serve in whatever capacity I'm needed."

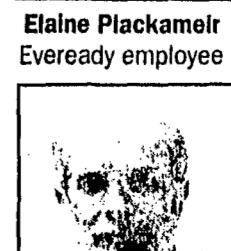


Qualifications: "I bring a good, broad background onto the board."

Goal: "Work with administrators and provide the best learning environment."



Because Colville was out of town, he was unavailable for comment.



Qualifications: "I've got a long background in education, and I love education."

Goal: "We should continue our historic role and improve what is already there."

Our View Basketball rivalry deserves packed house

In the two and a half years since Bearcat Arena has been renovated, the men's basketball team has only lost once in that building.

Just as the building was renovated, an attitude was renovated as well. A new sound system blared and more fans could pack the arena with expanded seating.

This weekend, the Bearcats need those expanded seats to be filled early with fans because our teams will face their biggest rival: Missouri Western State College.

Saturday night would be a great night to come out and show that you are proud to be a Bearcat. Because Missouri Western is just 45 minutes away, they will have a few busloads of fans in attendance so all of you need to get your seats early and pack the arena to keep the home court advantage alive.

An example of how powerful the home-court advantage has been was last year's game with Central Missouri State University.

The 'Cats won the game 75-72 and the atmosphere was electric. People had signs that read "Jollywood" for senior center Rick Jolley and a huge banner that read "Szlandaland" in honor of

now senior forward Tom Szlanda.

That game was one of the most important since the renovations but the game with arch-rival Missouri Western, Saturday could be the biggest in Bearcat Arena history.

After a slow start, the 'Cats have been on a tear lately. Last Wednesday they beat CMSU, who was ranked 17th in the nation in Division II.

Even though Missouri Western is not playing as well as they normally have in the past, a win over the Griffons is always sweet.

The Griffons would like nothing better than to knock the Bearcats off and be the team who is responsible for the 'Cats' first home loss of the year.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said Bearcat Arena is one of the toughest places to play in the MIAA and could be the toughest to play in the nation.

That should be motivation to paint your face, make a sign and support a great team. The 'Cats will not let the fans down, so don't let them down.

If you do go to the game, cheer for the Bearcats, act responsibly and display good sportsmanship.



Our View

Snow removal costs city; residents can help

Nobody can be more tired of the snow than the street crews in Maryville.

Yes, as residents we all complain and criticize the city's snow removal procedures.

However, some respect and understanding for the department is definitely in order.

These people have done a tremendous job considering the obnoxious amount of snow we have had.

Ron Brohammer, Public Works director, said the unusual amount of snow really taps resources.

During the Jan. 26 storm the city:

- carried away 250 loads of snow
- worked 260 hours of overtime
- spent \$6,000 on snow removal

All this work can be credited to

an 11-member staff.

The next time we complain about the city, we should keep these facts in mind.

But, actually, we can do more than that.

One problem the city faces is clearing the snow routes.

Brohammer said the announcement goes out on the radio, and the ticketing and towing does not start until four hours later.

Brohammer sympathized with the parking dilemma and suggested parking on side streets or public lots and doubling up in driveways.

Please try and move your car in a quick fashion, which will only help the city do its job.



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My Turn

Make communication straightforward



JENNIFER STEWART

Let's give each other some credit; people can handle some news straight forward.

At some point we have to make adult decisions and learn to accept the consequences. In the long run, it usually works out for the best.

If the spineless approach is unavoidable, you keep a few things in mind:

- Lack of eye contact is always a tip-off to the upcoming unfortunate news.
- Never start off a conversation with "Don't take this the wrong way, but ..." It's inevitable that what follows is not positive and it will be taken the wrong way.
- Don't make future plans with another person if they were never intended to be carried through in the first place.

Reading between the lines is not only reserved for breakups and good-byes; they're actually quite universal. Use your detection skills at work and school with roommates or even with acquaintances.

Nevertheless, maybe the next time we use one of our standard lines, we'll think twice and try not to insult the other's intelligence.

As for the flip side, maybe we'll be more aware when we hear, "I'm feeling very vulnerable right now" or "Of course, I'll respect you."

Jennifer Stewart is a chief photographer for the Northwest Missourian.

Stop the Press

Journalists face obstacles in serving readers



CHRIS TRLEBSCH

Editors learn new lifestyle of poor eating and sleeping habits

Checkers have a tough and thankless job and we really appreciate all the work they do.

Another problem lies with people's stereotypes about journalists. Despite the fact that many journalists seem to be troublemakers and appear to be unethical (such as Connie Chung), the majority of us are genuinely sincere. Folks, journalists typically don't make a lot of money, so there must be another reason why we enjoy our work. I believe journalists, for the most part, have a genuine quest for the truth.

An excellent movie that shows a lot of the real happenings of a newspaper is "The Paper." I recommend that movie for anyone who has negative feelings toward journalists.

We at the *Missourian* want to cover as much as possible with our limited resources. We try to cover as much as we can, but we depend on readers calling us with story ideas. This paper is not ours, it is our readers' and we are here to serve them. Also remember that we appreciate constructive criticism as well as compliments.

With that honest desire to serve our readers, we will continue with our wacky eating habits, sleeping habits and our off-the-wall characteristics. What can I say—I guess I am just addicted.

Chris Trlebsch is the assignment managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Letters to the Editor

We appreciate all the letters we have received, but please limit your letters to 200 WORDS because of space constraints. We have the right to refuse and to edit letters. Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night home numbers for verification purposes. Send letters to Wells Hall #8 or by E-mail at 0500214.

Campus Turn

Irony of tragedy provides wake up call

You tend to value life a lot more after a car accident. Isn't it ironic how tragedy can make you finally wake up and realize that there are so many more important things in life than things?

Last Friday a friend and I followed each other home. We both live in Kansas and we both wanted to go home. We made it past U.S. Highway 71 with no problems, but I-29 was a different story.

One minute she is in the rear view mirror following me, the next I see her flying across the highway into a ditch. Her car flipped two and half times and she ended up hanging upside down. Thank goodness she is fine because she was wearing her seat belt. There is no extensive damage to her car, but it could have been worse.

As I ran to her car, I could only think about how stupid we were for wanting to go home so bad on Friday. The weather conditions were not good enough for us to drive the normal hour and half home, cabin fever or not. We could have waited until Saturday morning, but no, we had to get out of Maryville that day, unknowing what was to happen.

I thought about my friends here at school, family at home and friends at other schools and I thought that it could have easily been me. It scared me to think at any minute I could leave this earth with so many problems unsolved and questions unanswered.

I realized that the grudges I was holding or thoughts about others were petty and immature



SARAH DERKS

Life means more after accident or near death experiences occur during regular routine

— not worth letting them linger.

I have experienced tragedy before. In high school a girl my age took her own life and a friend who had just graduated died in a motorcycle accident. I do not think those two incidents impacted me as much as seeing my friend's car plow into a bank of snow.

Maybe what happened to these people would have affected me more if I would have seen it happening, up close and personal. It makes your heart jump into your throat to see a close friend disappear into a white blanket of snow. I did not

know whether she was seriously hurt, alive or dead. Through it all she walked away without a scratch.

I am 20 years old, and hopefully I will be around a while longer. Until then I need to open my eyes and see that what I think should be a priority on everyone's agenda, is not worth a second thought. I worry way too much about minute details of life, when seeing the big picture is so much more significant. I should be thankful my friend is alive and well, and that I can take a breath, even on the cold and rough weather days.

At Northwest we have all been exposed to the sadness of death and injury, with the recent airplane accident involving Mercedes Ramirez and the tragic death of freshman Kyle Peterson. Through it all we still go on living day after day keeping in mind those we have lost and those whom we look forward to seeing again.

This makes me face the fact that the little things in life are so unimportant compared to the lives we come in contact with on a daily basis. If it takes a small car accident or death for many of us to realize that, then so be it.

As I wake up each morning, I hope to embrace the day and everyone around me. It is just not worth it to have an enemy when I could have so many more friends.

Sarah Derks is resident assistant of center second in Hudson Hall.

Campus Turn

Family, friends protect ones they love



SUZY GRIGGS

Being strong does not guarantee total tranquility, peace

The rose colored glasses are off. The images that seem to flicker through the mind aren't the same ones as yesterday. The peaceful, tranquil images are shattered by one phone call. The phone rings, and a voice you trust gives you heartwrenching news. Someone close to you is in emotional and physical pain. The person you love has been attacked, scared and scarred. The one person who always protected, now needs your protection. She needs your support. But she doesn't want you to know. That hurts inside, and you wish that you could be there for her. But the thought lingers that maybe she doesn't want you there. And then you remember that she was always the one trying to protect you, and she is doing it again.

Someone had invaded the sanctity of ones' home. A stranger had broken in and destroyed the security that people feel in their own place. Once that invasion takes place and any security you had felt is gone, it is hard to react. But she did react: with a knife. The only bad thing is that the control that she felt having it, was taken away as was the knife. Then the feeling of helplessness was complete. She used that last weapon that any woman has in that situation: her brain.

She didn't get away unharmed, though she was lucky.

She has bruises from when he struck her across the face and she has the abrasions in her mind. She will always be aware of how false one's sense of security actually is and she will always know how it feels to almost lose complete control over body and life.

Family and friends are glad she is alive, but they also carry scars knowing that they could have lost someone special; someone irreplaceable. Even though they couldn't have been there, there will always be the thought they maybe there has to have been a way to avoid it. Either by her not being there, or by someone else being there with her. You know that all anyone can do is pick up the pieces and help her go on with her life. Maybe everyone is better off knowing how fragile inner peace and the elusive concept of sanctuary really are.

The ironic thing is the chaos created by this violent and insane act was caused by someone needing a \$20 fix. People will say that all he got was his fix from stealing a stereo. What some may never realize is that he also took with him someone's peace of mind. And maybe it wasn't just the person's he attacked.

Suzy Griggs is the vice president of Women's Issues in Society and Education.

It's Your Turn

Do you think Maryville/the University does an adequate job of snow removal?

Marc Carey
Geology major

"No, they only remove it once and then it gets packed down and slick."

Josh Krieger
Biology major

"No, not really. It gets really packed down, especially around campus."

Jared Espy
High School Student

"Yeah, the roads are fairly clear. With the situation we have had, I don't think they could do any better."

Jamie Welch
Instrumental music major

"At school it could be a lot better. They could use more sand."

Farrah McGuire
Broadcasting major

"They could do better with the parking lots — you can't even back out."

Anita Dew
Secretary/Clerk

"Yeah, I think they do, especially with all kinds of people in the way."

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Calendar**Thursday, Feb. 1**

Alliance of Black Collegians Hall of Fame

9 a.m. - First semester sophomore assessment in the conference center.

3 p.m. - Bell ringing for Kyle Peterson at the Bell Tower.

Friday, Feb. 2Jazz Fest
Last day to drop first block classes.

Women's indoor track at Central Missouri State University

Saturday, Feb. 3Jazz Fest
Men's indoor track at Doane College

8 a.m. - ACT test on the third floor of Garrett-Strong

5:30 p.m. - Women's basketball vs. Missouri Western State College in Bearcat Arena

7:30 p.m. - Men's basketball vs. Missouri Western in Bearcat Arena

Sunday, Feb. 4

7:30 p.m. - "Gershwin by Request" in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Monday, Feb. 5

Mo Neal sculpture exhibit opens in the DeLuce Gallery

Tuesday, Feb. 6

5 p.m. - Volunteer income tax assistance in 408 Perrin Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 7

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - National eating disorder screening in the Student Union

5:30 p.m. - Women's basketball vs. Lincoln University in Bearcat Arena

7:30 p.m. - Men's basketball vs. Lincoln in Bearcat Arena

CAMPUS NEWS**February marks month of education, festivities****JENNIE NELSON**
CHIEF REPORTER

February is usually thought of as the month of Valentine's Day, but for the Alliance of Black Collegians, February will be when almost a year's worth of work comes together for the celebration of Black History Month.

Beginning Feb. 1, ABC plans to celebrate African and African-American accomplishments through a variety of events at Northwest.

"It's an opportunity to come together for African-Americans and the campus to celebrate," Lauren Ransom, ABC vice president, said. "It's a good chance for a designated time for things to be remembered."

Some of the events ABC has planned for the month include a fashion and talent show with the theme of "Power of Color," a panel discussion on intercultural relations, a spades and dominoes tournament and author and speaker Julia Hare.

"We take time to go into the past and honor accomplishments there," Ransom said. "However, we also want to work in the present to celebrate and communicate."

Black History Month events

- Feb. 1 - Hall of Fame (collection of artwork, artifact, etc. of African and African Americans historical; today) 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Union.
- Feb. 6 - Panel discussion on interracial relations 7:30 p.m. Union Ballroom.
- Feb. 12 - Discussion with original buffalo soldiers.
- Feb. 15 - Spades and dominoes tournament at 7 p.m. University Club North. \$2 to enter, \$25 prize.
- Feb. 16 - Movie night - Union.
- Feb. 22 - Fashion and talent showcase at 7:30 p.m. Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.
- Feb. 29 - Speaker Julia Hare, Mary Linn.

Although ABC has been planning some of the Black History Month events for almost a year, Ransom said the past turnout for most events have been disappointing.

"We don't get the full support of all the African-Americans," she said. "And I don't know if the rest of the campus just don't take it seriously, or just aren't interested."

Ransom thinks the events are important for all college students to experience.

"Most people's main goal (in college) is to get a degree," she said. "But if you don't get the opportunity to learn about this information, you

won't be able to use it later on in a career (when you meet different people). This is the time to experience all of these things."

Stefanie Rentie, elementary education major, thinks the importance of Black History Month should be remembered on a daily basis.

"I think African-Americans need to know where we came from, and other students need to know too," Rentie said. "I'm tired of always hearing about the same famous leaders — it's important to learn about everything. I think it should be more than one month — it should be year round."

Victims file lawsuit against airline**TATE SINCLAIR**
CHIEF REPORTER

Two days after Christmas, Mercedes Ramirez's life was changed in a way few of us will ever know. She lost her parents in a violent and deadly plane crash that gave her injuries she must now try to put behind her.

Now, as her wounds heal and the grieving begins, Ramirez and her sister, Sylvia Bullard, are beginning a

process that would punish the airline.

Gary Collins, a Kansas City based attorney, said there is nothing out of the ordinary about a lawsuit the two sisters have filed against American Airlines, the airline which owns the plane that crashed into the mountains of Colombia in late December.

"The sisters are suing the airline for negligence and wrongful death concerning their parents, along with personal injury in conjunction with the injuries she suffered," Collins

said.

Ramirez sustained fractured ribs, a fractured leg and internal injuries in the crash.

Collins said the initial \$1 billion lawsuit filed by the Howerton law firm in New York was done without the approval of the two sisters.

The firm has subsequently been released.

The McLeod firm will be working in conjunction with Collins on the Ramirez case.



"Gershwin by Request" (from left)
Benjamin Matthews,
Eddy Pierce Young, Leon Bates

News and Information

Gershwin tour to bring musical entertainment**KELLY MOONEY**
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The music of George Gershwin will be coming to Northwest on Sunday when the program "Gershwin by Request" is performed in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Performing Gershwin's songs like "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," is pianist Leon Bates, soprano Eddy Pierce Young, soprano and bass-baritone Benjamin Matthews.

Bates has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra in addition to the Orchestra Sinfonica dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome.

Young has appeared in recitals, operas and oratorios throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe. She won the Opera Grand Finals in San Francisco and was also a finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

Matthews has performed with the

New York City Opera, the Graz Opera in Austria and the Philadelphia Grand Opera. He also played the lead role in "Porgy and Bess" in Rio de Janeiro.

Songs from "Porgy and Bess" as well as other classics like "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Strike Up The Band" will be performed.

The tour goes through dozens of states in order to perform Gershwin's music in large and small concert halls.

This is its second performance at Northwest.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. performance are \$8 for orchestra, \$6 for balcony and \$4 for children aged 3-13. Tickets can be purchased in advance Monday through Friday in the Administration Building and the Mary Linn box office from 6-8 p.m. at 562-1320.

Ticket sales for this event have been going as planned according to Dave Gieske, director of news and information.

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